

City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Summary

June 27, 2005

Commissioners Present: Chris Leyerle, Pauline Cantor, Hank Klein, John Rossi, Joyce McCallum, Dan Higgins

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Janie Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:45

May 23rd meeting summary approved

Public Comment:

Wayne and Marta Ullman - 2024 218th PI NE, Sammamish
Spoke in favor of off-leash dog parks. Mr. Ullman wondered if there was a way to count the number of dogs in Sammamish. They would like an off-lease area created.

New Business:

Park Impact Fee/6 year park CIP

Council has set a goal to draft a park impact fee ordinance. Park Impact fees will be one-time only fees for new construction, to allow new development to pay its fair share of new infrastructure. Consultant Randy Young presented an overview of impact fees at the June 7th study session as well as the Park Commission meeting in May. There are several methods used to determine the level of service for parks. One method has been to use the formula of numbers of acres per 1000 population. More recently, cities have used the facilities approach, which is based on a per capita amount for individual elements. Neither method was complete or holistic. Strictly a land approach gave the value of land but not service. Facilities approach did not keep up with real time planning. Other cities such as Woodinville use a method based on establishing a value of land and facility improvements added up to a sum total of current value of park systems divided by number of households. That number becomes what new residents should pay in impact fees during the time we are building our park system. The current value of the park system in Sammamish (including 2005 projects) is roughly 40 million dollars. Impact fees will be collected at the time of building permit issuance. The impact fee ordinance could be adopted by November/December 2005. Commissioners are asked to attend the July 12th

study session where council will discuss the TIP and CIP at the same time. The Park Plan needs to be revised to show projects for the next 6 years in order to comply with the RCW regulation on adopting impact fees.

Additional New Business

Llama landing developer Burnstead agreed to deed a tract to the City and public easements will be created on the site for recreational trails connecting local neighborhoods to schools and the trail corridor.

Ongoing Business

Beaver Lake Preserve Management Plan

Commissioners reviewed the site plan used at the public meeting held last Thursday. Jeff spoke about the process of inventorying the site, which has a variety of beautiful elements. The master plan includes a series of loop trails. The first cut at master plan for the site was presented at the public meeting. Programming is restrictive, mostly passive. Access to the lake was determined to be an important element to prevent people from making their own access. A floating dock was proposed. The plan will be discussed at the July 26th regular council meeting. Approval of site plan is expected in September.

Community Sports Field at Eastlake High School

Construction is underway. There are a few minor glitches between the school district and user groups that are being resolved. Fees will be established based on annual maintenance and operations expenses. Proposal for fees will go to council in September. We are considering a youth fee and an adult fee as well as a separate lighting fee for user groups who use that service. The project should be completed by late October.

Park Tour Comments/Feedback

Hope Gibson, Richard Johnson, Dan Higgins and Pauline Cantor attended. Many positive comments. Dan commented that sani-cans detract from the beauty of the parks.

Additional Ongoing Business: Joyce suggested developing a gifting program to present to council and provided examples from Bellevue and Mercer Island.

David Lee has resigned. Council will need to appoint one of the alternates to a regular position.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35

